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 For: SELECTING ONE OF MULTIPLE)
 SPEECH RECOGNIZERS IN A SYSTEM)
 BASED ON PERFORMANCE)
 PREDICTIONS RESULTING FROM)
 EXPERIENCE (as amended))

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully petitions the Commissioner for a two (2) month extension of time, extending the period for response to Nov. 8, 2004, from the Office Action dated June 7, 2004. Please charge the petition filing fee of \$420.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0221. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

In response to the Advisory Action mailed Oct. 29, 2004, please reconsider the pending claims based on the following amendment.

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Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-2. (cancelled)

Claim 3. (previously amended) A method for selecting a recognizer from a number of recognizers, the method comprising:

- a) receiving an input stream;
- b) deriving selection information, wherein the selection information includes performance-related information;
- c) deriving enabling information, and using the enabling information to enable at least one selected recognizer to process the input stream;
- d) using the selection information to select results from at least one enabled recognizer; and
- e) returning the results to an application.

Claim 4. (previously amended) A method for selecting a recognizer from a number of recognizers, the method comprising:

- a) receiving an input stream;
- b) deriving selection information, wherein the selection information includes performance-related information;
- c) deriving enabling information, and using the enabling information to enable at least one selected recognizer to process the input stream;
- d) using the selection information to select results from at least one enabled recognizer,

wherein the enabling information is used to enable a recognizer based upon its expected future performance; and

- e) returning the results to an application.

Claim 5. (previously amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the enabling information comprises at least one type of information from the group comprised of:

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channel characteristics, device characteristics, user information, contextual information, dialog state, recognizer costs and performance history.

Claims 6-26. (cancelled)

Claim 27. (previously amended) An article containing machine-readable code that, when executed, causes the machine to

- a) receive an input stream;
- b) derive enabling information, wherein the enabling information includes performance-related information;
- c) use the enabling information to select an enabled recognizer; and
- d) return results from the enabled recognizer to an application.

Claim 28. (original) The article of claim 27, the code causing the machine to derive enabling information includes code, that when executed, causes the machine to analyze the input stream for channel characteristics.

Claim 29. (original) The article of claim 27, the code causing the machine to derive enabling information includes code, that when executed, causes the machine to receive contextual information associated with the input stream.

Claim 30. (original) The article of claim 27, the code including code, that when executed, causes the machine to receive feedback and include the feedback in the selection information.

Claim 31. (previously added) The method of claim 3, wherein the enabling information comprises recognizer costs.

Claims 32-34. (cancelled)

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Claim 35. (previously added)The method of claim 29, wherein contextual information comprises information from at least one item of information derived from the set of information comprising information related to the environment around the input stream, characteristics of a user generating the input stream, information derived from a call using network services, gender, age, ethnicity, information relating to the user's first (native) language, personal information about the user, channel characteristics and device characteristics.

Claim 36. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 35, wherein the contextual information is obtained dynamically.

Claim 37. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 35, wherein the contextual information is predetermined.

Claims 38-39. (cancelled)

Claim 40. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the method further comprises receiving feedback and including the feedback in the selection information.

Claim 41. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the derived enabling information including performance-related information comprises performance tracking using enabling information to select at least one recognizer.

Claim 42. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 3, wherein the selecting results from one of the at least on enabled recognizers is based on selection information comprising performance predictors.

Claim 43. (previously added)The method as recited in claim 42, wherein the performance predictors are selected from a group or predictors comprising channel

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characteristics, device characteristics, user information, contextual information, dialog state, and individual-results confidence.

Claim 44. (previously added)The article as recited in claim 27, wherein the machine-readable code further causes the machine to receive feedback and includes the feedback in selection information.

Claim 45. (previously added)The article as recited in claim 27, wherein the derived enabling information includes performance-related information comprising performance tracking, wherein the performance-tracking uses enabling information to select at least one recognizer.

Claim 46. (previously added)The article as recited in claim 27, wherein selecting results from one of the at least on enabled recognizers is based on selection information comprising performance predictors.

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Remarks


Reconsideration of the above referenced application in view of the enclosed amendment and remarks is requested. Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has allowed Claims 3-5, 27-31, 35-37 and 40-46. Claims 1-2, 6-26, 32-34, and 38-39 have been cancelled in order to put the application into immediate condition for allowance. Existing Claims 3-5, 27-31, 35-37 and 40-46 remain in the application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Claims 3-5, 27-31, 35-37 and 40-46 are all in condition for allowance and should be allowed to issue at the earliest possible time. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 633-6845. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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